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COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT CZM
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is contemplating making the process of Coastal Zone Management (CZM) open participatory to enable the coastal and fishing communities and other stakeholders to put across their views on the issues; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS(SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA):

(a) & (b): For the purpose of conserving and protecting the coastal environment, the Ministry has issued the Coastal Regulation Zone Notification (CRZ), 1991. Taking into account inter-alia various requests made by the different stakeholders including local communities,the notification has been amended from time to time.

In order to have an holistic approach towards the Coastal Zone Management in a scientific manner, a Committee was constituted under the Chairmanship of Prof. M. S. Swaminathan in June, 2004, which submitted its report in 2005. One of the recommendations of the Committee concerns preparation of Integrated Coastal Zone Management Plan, which provides for a participatory approach of the stakeholders for management of the coastal areas.Government has initiated steps for implementing the recommendations of Swaminathan Committee.